#### **ACTION REPORT**

# STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010 (Cancelled)

Senate Room B
General Assembly Building
9<sup>th</sup> & Broad Streets
Richmond, Virginia

**Board Members Present:** 

W. Shelton Miles, III, Chair Robert H. Wayland, III, Vice-Chair

Lou Ann Jessee Wallace Robert L. Dunn Roberta A. Kellam William B. Bott

William A Pruitt

**Staff Present:** 

David K. Paylor, Director Cindy M. Berndt

Department of Environmental Quality

Department of Environmental Quality

Attorney General's Office:

John Butcher, Special Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was convened on December 9, 2010, at 9:35 a.m., recessed at 10:40 a.m., reconvened at 11:00 a.m., went into closed session at 11:00 a.m., reconvened and open session at 11:38 a.m., recessed at 12:05 p.m., reconvened at 1:03 p.m. and adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

#### **ACTION**

**I. Minutes** (September 27-28, 2010)

Approved

II. Permits

**Appalachian Power Company, Claytor Hydroelectric Project, VWP**Synagro Central LLC. – Fauquier County, VPA Permit

Permit Issued

**III.** Final Regulations

General VPDES Permit for Seafood Processing Facilities Adopted Regulation

General VPDES Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges

Less Than or Equal to 1,000 Gallons per Day

WQMP Regulation - Frederick-Winchester Service Authority

Adopted Regulation

Adopted Regulation

Opequon WTF

Emergency Rulemaking - Water Quality Standards Regulation Adopted Regulation

To Include the October 2007, September 2008 and May 2010 Chesapeake Bay Criteria Assessment Protocols Addenda

IV. TMDLs Approved TMDLs

# Approval of 11 TMDL Reports and 3 TMDL Modifications:

South River benthic TMDL, located in Augusta and Rockingham Countie; South River, South Fork Shenandoah River, and Shenandoah River Mercury TMDLs, located in Augusta, Rockingham, Page, and Warren Counties; Spout Run benthic TMDL, located in Clarke County; Strait Creek and West Strait Creek benthic TMDLs, located in Highland County; Smith Creek benthic TMDL modification; Jackson River benthic TMDL, located in Alleghany, Bath, and Highland Counties; Little Calfpasture River benthic TMDL, located in Rockbridge County; Roanoke River PCB TMDL, located in Montgomery, Roanoke, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Pittsylvania, and Halifax Counties; , modification for Twittys Creek benthic TMD; Middle Fork Holston River, located in Washington and Smyth Counties; Wolf Creek benthic TMDL, located in Washington County; modification for UT Hurricane Branch benthic TMDL; Pettit Branch benthic TMDL, located in Accomack County; and Mill Creek Dissolved Oxygen TMDL, located in Northampton County; and

Water Quality Management Planning Regulation amendments: Adopted Regulation 9 VAC 25-720-50 - Potomac – Shenandoah River Basin, 9 VAC 25-720-60.A - James River Basin; 9 VAC 25-720-80.A - Roanoke River Basin; 9 VAC 25-720-90.A - Tennessee – Big Sandy River Basin; 9 VAC 25-720-110.A - Chesapeake Bay-Small Coastal Basin (adds 48 TMDLs); and

Notification of Upcoming Delegated Approvals

Received Notice

## V. Significant Noncompliance Report

Received Report

# **VI.** Consent Special Orders (VPA Permit Program)

Approved Orders

Northern Regional Office

Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (Courtland Rural Village Water Reclamation Facility

#### VII. Consent Special Orders (VPDES Permit Program)

**Approved Orders** 

Blue Ridge Regional Office

B&J Enterprises L.C. (Montgomery Co.)

Town of Clifton Forge (Alleghany Co.)

Dare to Care Charities, Inc. (Botetourt Co.)

Town of Kenbridge STP (Lunenburg Co.)

Northern Regional Office

Town of Culpeper (Culpeper Co.)

Piedmont Regional Office

Greensville County Water & Sewer Authority

Henrico County

City of Richmond

Tidewater Regional Office

Branscome, Inc. (Accomack Co.)

Carrollton Used Auto Parts, Inc. (Isle of Wight Co.)

Valley Regional Office

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Sewer Authority -North River WWTP

## **VIII.** Consent Special Orders (VWP Permit Program)

Approved Orders

Central Office

Bandy, LLC (Floyd Co.)

Northern Regional Office

Glenhaven South Subdivision/Winchester Homes, Inc. (Spotsylvania Co.)

# IX. Consent Special Orders (AST, UST & Others)

Approved Orders

Piedmont Regional Office

Getty Petroleum Marketing, Inc. (Richmond)

Henrico County 911 Training Center

Lucky's Convenience Stores, Inc. (Richmond)

Tidewater Regional Office

American Marine Groups, Inc. (Norfolk)

# X. Formal Proceeding Decision

James River Petroleum

Settlement Reached

#### XI. Public Forum

#### XII. Other Business

FY2011 Revolving Loan Fund Division Director's Report Future Meetings Approved List Received Report Feb. 4 with a February

8 inclement weather date, April 14-15, June 20-21, September 22-23 and Dec. 8-9, 2011

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010 - CANCELLED

Issuance of VPA Permit No. VPA00062 – Synagro Central LLC. – Fauquier County: Synagro Central LLC. submitted a Virginia Pollution Abatement (VPA) permit application for the land application and routine storage of Biosolids. The Permit application included 6633.3 acres on 26 farms; 21 of the 26 farms are currently permitted under Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Biosolids Use Regulation (BUR) No. 51 and are currently eligible for land application. The permit also included a storage lagoon located at the C.L. Ritchie Farm which is currently permitted under VDH-BUR Number 68. Notice for this proposed permit action was published in the *Fauquier Times Democrat* on April 28 and May 5, 2010. The public notice comment period ended on May 27, 2010. The public hearing was held at 7:15 p.m. on September 13, 2010, at the auditorium of Liberty High School in Bealeton, VA. Mr. Shelton Miles served as hearing officer. An interactive informational session preceded the hearing.

- Eight people provided oral comments at the public hearing
- Two written comments were received prior to the hearing
- Nine written comments were received after the hearing

Staff received many comments on the draft permit and we combined some of them where it is possible without losing specifics.

# 1. Liability and Remediation Plan

Comments were received questioning where the liability and damages rest in the event of a failure to meet safeguards and who specifically has the financial liability for cleaning the polluted waterways and adjacent properties. A copy of the Contractor's remediation plan was also requested.

Staff Response: The VPA Regulation 9VAC25-32-490 sets forth guidelines for compliance with biosolids use practices. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring that all federal, state, and local regulations are met. The permit holder is required, by regulation, to obtain financial assurance. Requiring a remediation plan is outside the realm of the Permit Regulation and is not part of the issuance of the permit. The Permit Regulation does not require a remediation plan as such a plan would need to address site specific conditions. A remediation plan, if needed, would be developed after an incident

Should contamination due to non-compliance of the regulation be determined the permit holder would be liable and subject to enforcement action.

#### 2. Quality of Life

Many comments were received expressing concerns over the affect of land application activity on the citizens that reside near a land application site. The comments included:

- Odor, Pathogen and Vector Attraction
- Haul Routes as they pertain to safety on the roads
- Adjacent landowner property impact from field access point
- Property value impact and "appeal" of the County as a place to live and visit

Staff Response: Staff concurs that there is an odor associated with the land application activity. 9VAC25-32-520 and 9VAC2-32-610 set forth guidelines for Sludge quality and composition and Biosolids treatment. These guidelines establish the minimum treatment and sampling requirements for any biosolids source, and are designed to ensure that adequate treatment and stabilization occurs to reduce odors and pathogens. The Biosolids Expert Panel concluded that odor is a characteristic of biosolids that may affect adjacent property owners, and recommended that permit holders utilize odor control plans. Requirements for such plans are included in the proposed regulatory revisions. The Panel could not make any determination as to whether or not biosolids odors had any impact on property values. Haul routes are required to be identified in the permit application, and site-specific issues related to safety are addressed. Transport vehicles are required to follow all applicable highway laws.

The Regulation is currently under review. The reopener language contained in the permit provides that the permit will be modified as necessary and appropriate should substantial changes to the regulation occur.

#### 3. Pending Lawsuits

Comments were received expressing concerns about the Contractor being involved in pending lawsuits in various states.

*Staff Response:* This issue is outside the realm of the Permit Regulation. Staff cannot comment on pending legal actions in other jurisdictions.

4. Target National Sewage Sludge (TNSSS) Survey

Comments were received in regards to the TNSSS Report issued by the U.S. EPA and the effect the report will have on the VADEQ permitting process. The comments included:

- the survey found toxic anion, metals, flame retardants, pharmaceuticals, steroids, hormones and other organic compounds
- Pharmaceuticals, steroids, and hormones are controlled substances under U.S. law and cannot be distributed without a prescription from a Medical Doctor or Licensed Veterinarian
- The State Water Control Board (SWCB) should obtain a legal opinion from the Attorney General before granting any permit
- The SWCB should put a "hold" on any permits that have already been granted pending the opinion of the Attorney General

Staff Response: The results of this study will be followed and addressed with the development of the Permit Regulation. The reopener language contained in the permit provides that the permit will be modified as necessary and appropriate should substantial changes to the regulation occur. Staff from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) provided comments on this matter at the SWCB meeting on September 28, 2010. SAAG Butcher has advised the Board that the lawful land application of sewage sludge is not the possession or distribution of any controlled substances that may contaminate the sludge. Furthermore, enforcement of the federal controlled substances statute is outside the Board's purview.

# 5. Health Impacts

Comments were received expressing concerns about the impact to Human Health. These comments included:

- There is a need to protect the community in the absence of standard testing for toxic metals, pharmaceuticals, and personal care products
- There is no testing for carcinogens
- Guidelines do not address the toxic carcinogens
- There are too many unknowns/unanswered questions about land application as it relates to the long term effects
- Concern over gap in expert panel research

- Long term health concerns are not rigorously studied
- Lack of existing scientific evidence does not make the application safe
- There are no long term studies on health effects when both Virginia Tech and Cornell have recommended long term, consistent study
- Health issues have risen due to not being able to walk outside for general exercise due to the odors
- Work with Wounded Warriors must cease due to health concerns (exacerbation of conditions both physical and mental)
- The lack of a systematic method to collect and monitor data from citizen concerns and health complaints

Staff Response: In accordance with House Joint Resolution No. 694, the Secretary of Natural Resources and Secretary of Health and Human Services convened a Panel of experts in 2007 to study the impact of land application of biosolids on human health and the environment. Information pertaining to the expert panel and the final report can be accessed at <a href="http://www.deq.virginia.gov/info/biosolidspanel.html">http://www.deq.virginia.gov/info/biosolidspanel.html</a>. The panel determined that "as long as biosolids are applied in conformance with all state and federal law and regulations, there is no scientific evidence of any toxic effect to soil organisms, plants grown in treated soils, or to humans (via acute effects or bio-accumulation pathways) from inorganic trace elements (including heavy metals) found at the current concentrations in biosolids."

DEQ also coordinates with physicians at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to ensure that the regulations continue to provide protection of human health. VDH asserts that the existing regulatory buffers of 100 feet from property lines and 200 feet from occupied dwellings provide adequate protection to the majority of the public, and buffers of 200 feet from publicly accessible property lines and 400 feet from occupied dwellings will be implemented whenever requested to minimize the need for individual consideration of health complaints related to the spreading of biosolids. VDH has also developed a new process by which they will handle requests for individual consideration above and beyond these extended buffers.

The Office of Land Application Programs (OLAP) maintains an Access database in which all complaints are recorded. DEQ does not employee licensed medical staff and does not maintain health related information on citizens. Specific health concerns, questions, and complaints are referred to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for recommendations and follow up.

#### 6. Environmental Impacts

Several comments were received in regards the potential environmental impacts as a result of land application activities. These comments included:

- How will a private lake located downstream be remediated should contaminants be found as a result of land application?
- Irrigation ditches, drainage swales, and creeks flow through or from land application site
- How will Goose Creek be affected?
- Downstream water sources impacted
- Contaminants spread too close to well for proper dissipation
- Contaminants cross property boundaries during slightest rain

Staff Response: The VPA Regulation 9VAC25-32-560.B.3.d.1 requires minimum setback distances for occupied dwellings, water supply wells or springs, property lines, perennial streams and other surface waters, intermittent streams/drainage ditches, all improved roadways, rock outcrops and sinkholes, and agricultural drainage ditches.

Additionally, the VPA Regulation 9VAC25-32-560 sets forth guidelines for compliance with biosolids utilization methods that address soil suitability, biosolids application rates, operation controls, management practices, and buffer zone requirements.

These setback and site management requirements along with 9VAC25-32-30.A that prohibits a discharge from a VPA permitted facility are protective of the environment.

## 7. Permitting Process Transparency

Several comments were received asking that the permitting process be made more transparent.

Staff Response: All regulatory public notice requirements were fulfilled. DEQ held an informational public meeting in Warrenton, on June 16, 2009. Approximately 800 adjacent land owners were notified via USPS mail in advance and the meeting was advertised in the Fauquier Times Democrat on June 3, 2009. A thirty day public comment period followed the informational meeting. The public notice of the draft permit was published in the Fauquier Times Democrat on March 10 and 17, 2010 and all citizens that had previously commented were notified of the pending permit action. A public hearing was granted on June 28, 2010. The hearing was scheduled and the public notice ran in the Fauquier Times Democrat on August 3, 2010. The hearing public comment period ran from August 3, 2010 to September 28, 2010. 8. Expedition of Permitting Process

One comment was made during the hearing asking for both sides of the issue to be considered and to find a way to expedite the permitting process.

*Staff Response:* Staff processed the permit application in accordance with the VPA regulation and Virginia Laws.

# 9. Source Concerns

Comments were received concerning the sources of biosolids. These comments include the following:

- Is there consistency between sources?
- Concerns about most of the sources being from out of County or out of State and the management practices for the material
- Why are septic systems regulated so heavily but D.C. may "dump" their waste on top of the land
- The age and chemical makeup of the contaminants have not been made public to anyone affected, thus making it impossible to find ways to remediate the situation.

Staff Response: Based on more than 30 years of research and land application experience in the United States, the preponderance of the scientific literature indicates that the land application of biosolids, if performed in accordance with current State and Federal regulations, will cause no significant impacts to health or the environment, and is usually considered a beneficial use. DEQ policy and guidance require all permits, including the subject permit, be drafted with stringent limitations and requirements designed to protect both surface water and groundwater quality. Many of those limitations and requirements were developed by the Land Application of Biosolids Technical Committee - a cooperative effort of professionals and technical experts from DEQ, VDH, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Virginia Tech, and others.

At a minimum, applications of biosolids are required to comply with the VPA Permit Regulation and EPA's Part 503 Biosolids Rule. These requirements include treatment to Class B (or better) pathogen levels; compliance with approved vector attraction reduction requirements (i.e., minimization of pests); compliance with specific site management restrictions with respect to turf and crop harvesting, grazing of livestock, and public access; and compliance with maximum and monthly average biosolids concentration limits for arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, and zinc. Biosolids that meet the maximum and monthly average concentration limits for these nine metals are considered by EPA to have minimal metals concentrations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted surveys of sewage sludge throughout the United States to evaluate whether there are other constituents found in biosolids that would warrant further testing requirements before land application. Additional research is being conducted to determine not only the amount present, but also whether these amounts pose significant concerns. DEQ monitors the ongoing work of EPA in this respect, and if necessary, will respond to these findings with additions to the list of regulated parameters.

## 10. Deny the Permit

Comments were received in opposition to the permit to allow the land application of biosolids until reasonable doubts are properly addressed.

Staff Response: Staff appreciates the information provided by commenters who are opposed to the land application of biosolids. The agency, however, is tasked with supporting environmental law through the enforcement of existing regulations. At the present time, the land application of biosolids is authorized and regulated in Virginia.

11. Transfer of Program from Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to DEQ

Several comments were received noting the efforts by DEQ since assuming oversight of the biosolids land application program.

*Staff Response:* Staff appreciates the recognition of the efforts DEQ has made in regards to the Biosolids Land Application Program.

12. Blanket Approach to Permitting

Several comments were received questioning the "blanket" approach to permitting 6000 very different acres within the County.

*Staff Response:* The permit application requires the submission of individual site specific information. Although the permit covers the entire County, each individual site is reviewed and addressed appropriately.

13. Landowner Agreements and Benefit to the Farmer

Several comments were received in reference to the property ownership versus the farmer leasing and working the land. These comments included:

- Is the landowner aware of what is being spread?
- Many of the farmers do not own or live on the land in which land application takes place
- Why does the benefit to the farmer out weigh the citizens that reside near the land application sites?

Staff Response: 9VAC25-32-530 states "A written agreement shall be established between the landowner and owner [permit holder] to be submitted with the permit application, whereby the landowner, among other things, shall consent to apply sewage sludge on his property. The responsibility for obtaining and maintaining the agreements lies with the party who is the permit holder."

Landowner agreements were provided in each site book submitted to DEQ. Written verification of the accuracy of these landowner agreements was provided to DEQ from the Contractor.

## **Staff Comments**

Following public notice and comment, the Office of the Attorney General reviewed the permit and made recommendations for several minor changes in the permit language. These changes were suggested primarily to enhance clarity in permit requirements, and staff incorporated the changes into this permit as well as the permit template that will be used to develop all future biosolids permits. The permit applicant received a copy of the modified language on December 1, 2010. Staff will recommend the draft permit be issued as written.

General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit for Seafood Processing Facilities (9VAC25-115): This is a final regulation amendment. The purpose of this proposed regulatory action is to reissue the general VPDES permit for wastewater discharges from seafood processing facilities. The general permit currently in effect for these facilities expires on July 23, 2011. The staff will ask the board to adopt the regulation establishing the General VPDES Permit for Seafood Processing Facilities, 9VAC25-115, as amended. It has been amended to update the general permit and reissue it for another five-year term. The Board authorized a public hearing for this rulemaking on June 21, 2010. A public hearing was held on August 26, 2010 and the public notice comment period closed on September 17, 2010. There were no questions or comments raised at the seafood processing facilities public hearing. Only one significant comment was received during the comment period. The commenter requested that DEQ reduce the reissuance permitting process by not requiring a registration statement from the seafood permittee. Other comments received were not relevant to the development of the seafood processing facilities general permit.

General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges Less Than or Equal to 1,000 Gallons per Day (9 VAC 25-110): This is a final regulation amendment. The purpose of this proposed regulatory action is to reissue the general VPDES permit for domestic sewage discharges less than or equal to 1,000 gallons per day. The general permit currently in effect for these facilities expires on August 1, 2011. The staff will ask the board to adopt the regulation establishing the General VPDES Permit for Domestic Sewage Discharges Less Than or Equal to 1,000 Gallons per Day, 9VAC25-110, as amended. It has been amended to update the general permit and reissue it

for a second five-year term. The Board authorized a public hearing for this rulemaking on June 21, 2010. A public hearing was held on August 26, 2010 and the public notice comment period closed on September 17, 2010. Other than staff, no one attended the public hearing, and no comments on the regulation amendment were received. Noteworthy changes in the final DSD general permit regulation as compared to the proposed regulation:

# **Section 70 - Registration Statement**

9. a. - Maintenance Contract - Treatment Works Serving Individual Single Family Dwellings. Clarified that the VDH regulations at 12 VAC 5-640-500 require maintenance contracts for these systems. Owners must indicate if they have a valid maintenance contract, or a variance from the requirement from the VDH. Also clarified that the VDH regulations at 12 VAC 5-640-490 require monitoring contracts. Owners must indicate if they have obtained a monitoring contract, or a waiver from the requirement from the VDH, or if the monitoring requirements are included in the maintenance contract. The owner needs to provide the name of the contract provider in each case.

#### **Section 80 - General Permit**

# Part I - Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

- In the proposed permit, the bacteria effluent limits were lowered to the monthly geometric mean value to address recent changes to the Virginia Water Quality Standards (9 VAC 25-260-170). However, the general permit only requires one annual effluent sample to be taken of the discharge. Therefore, for the final draft of the permit, the limits were set to the value in the Standards for cases where there are insufficient data to calculate a monthly geometric mean. This is set as a single sample maximum value, and this conservative approach will protect water quality, since any and all bacteria samples taken will need to meet the limit, and no averaging of multiple samples will be allowed in order for the discharge meet the limit.
- Clarified that monitoring results for individual single family dwellings must be submitted to the VDH in accordance with 12 VAC 5-640.
- Special Conditions:
  - 2. a. Maintenance Contract Treatment Works Serving Individual Single Family Dwellings. Clarified that these are required by VDH regulations at 12 VAC 5-640-500, unless the permittee has been granted a variance from the requirement by the VDH, and that the permittee is responsible for ensuring that the local health department has a current copy of a valid maintenance agreement.

In addition, a number of editorial changes were made to the regulation and permit based upon comments from the Attorney General's office.

Consideration of an Exempt Final Action to Amend the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation (9VAC25-720-50 C) to Revise the Nutrient Waste Load Allocation for the Opequon WRF: Staff intends to ask the Board at their December 9-10 2010 meeting for approval for an Exempt Final Action to amend the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation to revise the nutrient waste load allocation for the Opequon WRF. The staff proposal is based on the court decree for Case No. CL090004007-00, Frederick-Winchester Service Authority v. State Water Control Board and Department of Environmental Quality that was approved by the Board, based on advice of legal counsel, at the September 28, 2010 meeting of the Board. In 2005, the State Water Control Board (Board) upon advice of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) adopted amendments to the Water Quality Management Planning Regulations, 9VAC25-720, to establish waste load allocations (WLA) for discharges of total nitrogen (TN) and total phosphorus (TP) by some 125 significant discharges including the Opequon Water Reclamation Facility (Opequon WRF) based on the design capacity of each plant. In the 2005 rulemaking, the Frederick-Winchester Service Authority (FWSA) which operates the Opequon WRF requested TN and TP WLAs for the Opequon WRF based on a design flow of 12.6 million gallons per day (MGD) and the Board adopted final WLAs based on a design flow of 8.4 MGD. Following the submittal of a rulemaking petition by FWSA in 2006, the Board initiated and conducted a rulemaking from 2007 through 2009 to consider revising the TN and TP WLAs under the regulation for the Opequon

WRF. This rulemaking culminated in a Board public meeting begun on December 4, 2008, and completed on April 27, 2009, at which the Board denied FWSA's request. Following this Board action, the FWSA filed a Notice of Appeal with the Board and DEQ in May 2009 and a Petition for Appeal with the Circuit Court of the City of Winchester in June 2009 seeking increased WLAs for the Opequon WRF based on the 12.6 MGD design flow, amounting to an increase of 51,091 pounds per year (lbs/yr) of TN and 3,831 lbs/yr of TP. Following the filing of Motions of Summary Judgment and supporting briefs by both FWSA and the Board before the Court, the Court encouraged the parties to consider settlement, because it presented complex regulatory issues and the Court believed that it would be in the parties' respective best interests and the public interest for the parties to attempt to resolve the case by negotiation. The FWSA and the Board, with the Board acting on the advice of DEQ and legal counsel, reached a compromise which requires stringent treatment by the Opequon WRF while also allowing FWSA the full use of the facility's recently completed expansion to 12.6 MGD design flow. The Board, at its meeting on September 27-28, 2010, based on the advice of legal counsel, approved a settlement of the case which would establish allocations for the Opequon WRF based on 3.0 mg/l nitrogen and 0.30 mg/l phosphorus at a design flow of 12.6 MGD. The Board also authorized DEO to public notice the approved settlement and to receive comments. DEQ received comments from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) related to the approved settlement. Copies of the comments made by CBF have been distributed previously to the Board; the FWSA and to the Court. Upon consideration of the pleadings, the arguments of counsel, the comments of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the purposes of the State Water Control Law, the Court found that the proposed settlement, approved by the Board, is fair, adequate, and reasonable and that it is not illegal, a product of collusion, or against the public interest. The Court also found that the proposed decree is a reasoned compromise that considered the legitimate interests of FWSA and the public it serves, and implements the duty of the Board to protect the quality of State waters. In a Consent Decree dated October 19, 2010, the Court decreed that:

"Notwithstanding the 2005 and 2009 Rulemakings and the typical concentration basis for 4 milligrams per liter (mg/l) for TN WLAs in the Opequon WRF's river basin, the TN and TP WLAs allocations for the Opequon WRF shall be increased to credit the WRF for its current 12.6 MGD design capacity while applying more stringent, state-of-the-art treatment, as follows:

- a. The TN WLA based on the Opequon WRF's design capacity shall be increased from 102,311 lbs/yr to 115,122 lbs/yr (derived based on 3 mg/l of TN and 12.6 MGD).
- b. The TP WLA based on the Opequon WRF's design capacity shall be increased from 7,675 lbs/yr to 11,512 lbs/yr (derived based on 0.3 mg/l of TP and 12.6 MGD).
- c. Such increases result in the stated final WLAs for the Opequon WRF, which shall be in addition to any allocations or increases acquired or which may be acquired by the Opequon WRF in accordance with applicable laws and regulations pertaining to nutrient credit exchanges or offsets. As of the date of this decree, the Opequon WFR has acquired additional allocation for TN in the amount of 6,729 lbs/yr by means of a landfill leachate consolidation and treatment project. Thus upon entry of this decree, the Opequon WRF's TN WLA shall be 121,851 lbs/yr.
- d. The Board shall forthwith amend the Regulation pursuant to CODE § 2.2-4006.A.4.b to conform to the WLAs required by subparagraphs a through c of this decree."

The Waste Load Allocation for the Frederick-Winchester Service Authority: Opequon Wastewater Treatment Facility (Opequon WRF - VA0065552) found in 9VAC25-720-50 C is being amended based on the October 19, 2010 decree entered on Case No. CL090004007-00, Frederick-Winchester Service Authority (FWSA) v. State Water Control Board and Department of Environmental Quality. The decree orders allocations for the Opequon Wastewater Treatment Facility based on 3.0 mg/l nitrogen and 0.30 mg/l phosphorus at a design flow of 12.6 MGD which would result in an allocation of 115,122 lbs/year nitrogen, with an additional 6,792 lbs/year nitrogen for the landfill leachate consolidation, for a total of 121,851 lbs/year nitrogen, and a total of 11,512 lbs/year phosphorus.

Consideration of an Emergency Rulemaking to Amend the Water Quality Standards Regulation (9 VAC 25-260-185) to Include the October 2007, September 2008 and May 2010 Chesapeake Bay Criteria Assessment Protocols Addenda: Staff intends to ask the Board at their December 9-10, 2010

meeting for approval for an Emergency Rulemaking to amend the Water Quality Standards regulation to include the October 2007, September 2008 and May 2010 Chesapeake Bay Criteria Assessment Protocols Addenda. The staff proposal will be for an emergency rulemaking as the amendment is required to meet the December 31, 2010 deadline for the completion for the Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Bay and its tidal rivers. The Board previously approved this amendment at your June 22, 2010 meeting as a fast track rulemaking. However, EPA is concerned that under that process the amendment would not be effective under Virginia law until several days after they issue the TMDL. Therefore, EPA has requested Virginia to use the emergency rulemaking procedure to ensure the amendments are effective prior to December 31, 2010. This amendment is expected to be non-controversial because these protocols have been developed by U.S. EPA through a collaborative process within the Chesapeake Bay Program. These protocols reflect the best scientific approach for the Bay states to use in assessing attainment of the standards for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal rivers. These recently published protocols are being used by U.S. EPA to develop the Total Maximum Daily Loads for the Bay and its tidal rivers. EPA has set a December 31, 2010 completion date for the TMDLs. TMDL's must be developed in accordance with approved water quality standards and it is necessary for the VA standards to refer to each of the addenda published by EPA.

In 2005 the State Water Control Board adopted standards specifically for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal rivers. Due to the complex nature of the circulation patterns and varying salinity of the Bay waters the standards regulation also includes reference to criteria assessment procedures published by EPA. Since that initial action, the Board adopted an amendment to the standards regulation to include reference to updated assessment procedures published by EPA in 2007. However, the previous action may not be final before the December 31, 2010 deadline. In order to ensure that the amendments are effective by December 31, 2010, an emergency action is being proposed.

EPA has continued to refine the assessment procedures as scientific research and management applications reveal new insights and knowledge about the Chesapeake Bay. Each of EPA's updated procedure documents replace or otherwise supersede similar criteria assessment procedures published in earlier documents, but not all of them. Therefore, it is necessary for the Virginia standards to refer to each of the addenda published by EPA.

The 2007 addendum documents numerical Chesapeake Bay chlorophyll *a* criteria and reference concentrations. The 2008 addendum includes refinements to procedures for assessing Chesapeake Bay water clarity and SAV criteria. The 2010 addendum includes guidance to address: 1. how to properly assess dissolved oxygen criteria as the boundary between open water and deep water varies; 2. revisions to the methodology and application of biologically-based reference curves for the statistical-based approach of criteria assessment; and, 3. revisions to the methodology for assessing chlorophyll *a* criteria, which applies to the tidal James River.

TMDLs must be developed in accordance with approved water quality standards. Therefore, these new assessment procedures must be incorporated in the Virginia Water Quality Standards regulation in a timely way so that the Chesapeake Bay TMDLs can be approved by EPA by December 31, 2010 consistent with the new assessment procedures.

#### Recommendation

- (1) That the Board adopt the amendment to 9 VAC 25-260-185 as shown in Attachment 1 as an emergency regulation based on the need to amend the Water Quality Standards Regulation (9VAC25-260-185) to include the October 2007, September 2008 and May 2010 Chesapeake Bay Criteria Assessment Protocols addenda in time to ensure the incorporation of the published protocols by the December 31, 2010 deadline.
- (2) That the Board authorize the Department to stop the "emergency regulation" process for this amendment should the current "fast track" proposal complete the fast-track process in time to meet the December 31, 2010 deadline.

Approval of eleven TMDL reports, three TMDL modifications and amendment of Water Quality Management Planning Regulations to incorporate forty-eight TMDL waste load allocations and Notification to the Board of upcoming delegated approval actions by the DEQ Director: Staff will

ask the Board to approve portions of eleven TMDL Reports, three TMDL Report modifications, and to adopt amendments to five sections of the Water Quality Management Planning (WQMP) regulation: 9 VAC 25-720.50.A (Potomac-Shenandoah River Basin), 9 VAC 25-720.60.A (James River Basin), 9 VAC 25-720.80.A (Roanoke River Basin), 9 VAC 25-720.90.A (Tennessee – Big Sandy River Basin), 9 VAC 25-720.110.A (Chesapeake Bay – Small Coastal Basin). The amendments consist of adding forty-eight new WLAs. All TMDL reports containing these WLAs have been approved by EPA. Staff will propose the following Board actions: Approval of 11 TMDL reports, 3 TMDL modifications, and Amendment of Water Quality Management Planning Regulation to incorporate forty-eight new WLAs

- 1. The South River benthic TMDL, located in Augusta and Rockingham Counties, proposes sediment and phosphorus reductions for portions of the watershed. The TMDL includes a sediment wasteload allocation of 619.4 tons/year and a phosphorus wasteload allocation of 6,929.9 kg/yr.
- 2. The South River, South Fork Shenandoah River, and Shenandoah River Mercury TMDLs, located in Augusta, Rockingham, Page, and Warren Counties, propose Mercury reductions for portions of the watershed. The three TMDLs include Mercury wasteload allocations of 112 g/yr for the South River, 112 g/yr for the South Fork Shenandoah River, and 112 g/yr for the Shenandoah River.
- 3. The Spout Run benthic TMDL, located in Clarke County, proposes sediment reductions for portions of the watershed and provides a sediment wasteload allocation of 7.44 tons/year.
- 4. The Strait Creek and West Strait Creek benthic TMDLs, located in Highland County, propose CBOD5, sediment, and seasonal ammonia reductions for portions of the watersheds. For West Strait Creek, the report provides a sediment wasteload allocation of 0.02 tons/day, CBOD5 wasteload allocation of 11 kg/day, dry season (June-December) ammonia as N wasteload allocation of 1.6 kg/day, and wet season (January-May) ammonia as N wasteload allocation of 2.9 kg/day. For Strait Creek, the report provides a sediment wasteload allocation of 0.08 tons/day.
- 5. The Smith Creek benthic TMDL modification proposes to reassign the wasteload allocation of a properly closed point-source discharge (Valley View Mobile Home) to a new point-source discharge (Cedar Land Trailer Court). The proposed updates will not cause a water quality violation because the overall wasteload allocation and TMDL are not being modified.
- 6. The Jackson River benthic TMDL, located in Alleghany, Bath, and Highland Counties, proposes Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen reductions for portions of the watershed and provides a TP wasteload allocation of 72,955 lbs/growing season and a TN wasteload allocation of 220,134 lbs/growing season.
- 7. The Little Calfpasture River benthic TMDL, located in Rockbridge County, proposes sediment reductions for portions of the watershed and provides a sediment wasteload allocation of 30.4 tons/year.
- 8. The Roanoke River PCB TMDL, located in Montgomery, Roanoke, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Pittsylvania, and Halifax Counties, proposes PCB reductions for portions of the watershed and provides several wasteload allocations for streams. The streams and their respective tPCB wasteload allocations are: North Fork Roanoke River, 28.2 mg/year; South Fork Roanoke River, 230.2 mg/year; Masons Creek, 9.1 mg/year; Peters Creek, 65.4 mg/year; Tinker Creek, 103.9 mg/year; Wolf Creek, 10.0 mg/year; UT to Roanoke River, 0.5 mg/year; Roanoke River, 28,157.7 mg/year; Goose Creek, 0.1 mg/year; Sycamore Creek, 1.4 mg/year; Lynch Creek, 0.1 mg/year; Reed Creek, 0.0 mg/year; X-Trib, 0.1 mg/year; UT to Roanoke River, 0.1 mg/year; Little Otter River, 0.0 mg/year; Big Otter River, 0.0 mg/year; Straightstone Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Seneca Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Whipping Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Falling River, 0.0 mg/year; Childrey Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Catawba Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Turnip Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Hunting Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Cub Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Black Walnut Creek, 0.8 mg/year; Roanoke Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Difficult Creek, 0.0 mg/year; Roanoke River, 1,931.8 mg/year.
- 9. The modification for Twittys Creek benthic TMDL proposes to revise the WLA to accommodate the expansion of the Drakes Beach WWTP. The revised WLA for this facility would be 18.3

- tons/year, or an increase in 14.7 tons/year. This additional load will be taken from the terminated Westpoint Stevens WLA, 16.8 tons/year, which has been transferred to future growth. The adjustment to the future growth allocation will result in no change to the original TMDL or WLA.
- 10. The Middle Fork Holston River, located in Washington and Smyth Counties, proposes sediment reductions for portions of the watershed and provides a sediment wasteload allocation of 100.4 tons/year.
- 11. The Wolf Creek benthic TMDL, located in Washington County, proposes sediment reductions for portions of the watershed and provides a sediment wasteload allocation of 301.6 tons/year.
- 12. The modification for UT Hurricane Branch benthic TMDL proposes to disaggregate the existing sediment wasteload allocation for Blackstone WWTP (60.9 tons/year) into two separate wasteload allocations (Blackstone WWTP at 48.7 tons/year and Blackstone WTP at 12.2 tons/year). This alteration will not change the overall WLA or TMDL and will, therefore, not cause a water quality violation.
- 13. The Pettit Branch benthic TMDL, located in Accomack County, proposes Total Phosphorus reductions for portions of the watershed. The report provides a Total Phosphorus wasteload allocation of 0.01 lb/day.
- 14. The Mill Creek Dissolved Oxygen TMDL, located in Northampton County, proposes organic carbon and nutrients reductions for portions of the watershed. The report provides a TC wasteload allocation of 30.53 lb/day and a TN wasteload allocation of 10.07 lb/day.

The specific portions of the TMDL reports to be approved include the TMDL itself and all the TMDL allocation components, the pollutant reduction scenarios, implementation strategies, and reasonable assurance that the TMDL can be implemented and a summary of the public participation process. The remainder of the TMDL reports is support information. The process for amending the WQMP regulation is specified in DEQ's "Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning". The amendments consist of adding forty-eight new WLAs that are included in TMDL reports previously approved by EPA. Staff will therefore propose that the Board, in accordance with §2.2-4006A.4.c and §2.24006B of the Code of Virginia, adopt the amendments to the WQMP Regulation (9 VAC 25-720).

**Report On Facilities In Significant Noncompliance**: Three permittees were reported to EPA on the Quarterly Noncompliance Report (QNCR) as being in significant noncompliance (SNC) for the quarter ending June 30, 2010. The permittees, subject facilities and the reported instances of noncompliance are as follows:

1. Permittee/Facility: City of Hopewell, Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment

Facility

Type of Noncompliance: Failure to Meet Permit Effluent Limits (Ammonia Nitrogen)

City/County Hopewell, Virginia Receiving Water: Gravelly Run River Basin: James River Basin

Impaired Water: Gravelly Run is listed as impaired for low dissolved oxygen.

The causes of the impairment are listed variously as agricultural discharges, atmospheric deposition of nitrogen from industrial point source discharged, internal nutrient recycling, loss of riparian habitat, municipal point source discharges, and wet

weather discharges.

Dates of Noncompliance: January, February, March, April and May 2010

Requirements Contained In: VPDES

DEQ Region: Piedmont Regional Office

Hopewell attributes the violations to a die off of treatment plant bacteria precipitated by discharges from industrial users. Hopewell has additionally indicated that it plans to issue pretreatment orders with penalties for the discharges. Staff from the Piedmont Regional Office are monitoring Hopewell's pretreatment activities to determine whether additional action by the Department is needed to address this issue.

2. Permittee/Facility: City of Elkton, Elton Sewage Treatment Plant

Type of Noncompliance: Failure to Meet Schedule in Consent Order to Begin

Construction

City/County: Elkton, Virginia

Receiving Water: South Fork of the Shenandoah River

Impaired Water: The South Fork of the Shenandoah River is impaired for mercury

in fish tissue. The source of the impairment is listed as

contaminated sediments.

River Basin:
Dates of Noncompliance:
Requirements Contained in:
DEQ Region:
Potomac River Basin
January to June, 2010
Consent Special Order
Valley Regional Office

Staff from the Valley Regional Office are negotiating a revised order which will address Elkton's failure to commence construction in a timely fashion and which will add to the infiltration and inflow corrective actions required by the current order. Staff hope to have the revised order

finalized by the Board's first quarterly meeting in 2011.

3. Permittee/Facility: Town of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg Wastewater Treatment

Plant

Type of Noncompliance: Failure to Meet Effluent Limit (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen)

City/County Fredericksburg, Virginia Receiving Water: Rappahannock River

Impaired Water: The Rappahannock River is impaired because of lack of aquatic

plants, chloride, fecal coliform, PCBs in fish tissue, lack of benthic diversity and the presence of E. coli. The causes of the aquatic plant impairment are listed variously as agricultural discharges, atmospheric deposition of nitrogen, sediment

resuspension, industrial point source discharges, internal nutrient

recycling, loss of riparian habitat, municipal point source discharges, and wet weather discharges. The chloride impairment is attributed to natural causes. The causes of the fecal coliform impairment are in some cases unknown and in other cases attributed to municipal point source discharges. The cause of the PCB impairment is unknown. The cause of the benthic impairment is believed to be low dissolved oxygen in the River which in turn is linked to the same conditions or causes

which impair the growth of aquatic plants. The cause of

excessive E. coli is unknown.

River Basin: Rappahannock River Basin

Dates of Noncompliance: May and June, 2010 Requirements Contained In: VPDES Permit

DEQ Region: Northern Regional Office

Staff from the Northern Regional Office are processing an enforcement action which addresses the permit effluent limit violations and hope to have it finalized by the Board's first quarterly meeting in 2011.

Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (d.b.a. Loudoun Water) - Consent Special Order w/ Civil

**Charges**: Loudoun Water owns and operates the Courtland Rural Village Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) which collects municipal sewage from Courtland Rural Village, a residential development. The WRF is the subject of Permit No. VPA00010 (Permit) which allows Loudoun Water to treat wastewater which is then pumped to a system storage pond and finally to a wet well at the Creighton Farms Golf Course for use in irrigating the golf course. If the Golf Course is unable to accept the water, the Permit allows Loudoun Water to send water to reserve spray fields in Courtland Rural Village. The Permit sets

forth specific restrictions and monitoring requirements including monthly monitoring reports (MR). On August 11, 2009, Loudoun Water submitted monitoring reports for the July 2009 monitoring period. Based on these reports, DEQ found the following:

- 1. The MR reported a freeboard measurement of 1.5 ft. Part I.A.1.a of the Permit requires a minimum lagoon freeboard of two feet;
- 2. The MR reported turbidity as grab samples collected three times per day. Part I.A.1.a of the Permit requires that turbidity analysis shall be performed by a continuous, on-line turbidity meter;
- 3. Although a Certificate to Operate (CTO) had not yet been issued by DEQ, a temporary distribution system from the Courtland Rural Village WRF Pump Station was used to deliver reclaimed water to the golf course irrigation system. Part I.B.13 of the Permit requires Loudoun Water to obtain a CTO prior to operating the reclamation system;
- 4. The MR reported that the turbidity Corrective Action Threshold (CAT) was exceeded three times and the Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) CAT was exceeded three times. No corrective action or resampling was documented. Part I.B.14 requires that if the CAT for turbidity or TRC is reached, the reclaimed water must be resampled or diverted within one hour of first reaching the CAT. Part I.B.17 further states that failure to resample or divert water not in compliance with the CAT standards is deemed a violation of the Permit.

DEQ conducted an inspection of the WRF on September 4, 2009. During the inspection, DEQ confirmed that although a CTO had not been issued, the reclamation system was in operation and being used to deliver reclaimed water from the Courtland Rural Village WRF Pump Station directly to the Creighton Farm Golf Course non-system storage pond. This contravenes not only the Permit provision that requires a CTO prior to operating the reclamation system but also Part I.B.23 of the Permit which requires the reclaimed water be delivered from the WRF Pump Station to the Creighton Farm Golf Course irrigation pumping station, not the pond directly. In addition, DEQ also observed the following:

- 1. No advisory signs or placards were posted adjacent to the non-system storage pond as required by Part I.B.28 of the Permit;
- 2. 4" blue piping was running above ground to the Creighton Farm Golf Course non-system storage pond. This piping did not meet the requirements of 9 VAC 25-740-110.B.8 which sets forth the design criteria for system piping.

Based on the monitoring reports and the inspection, DEQ issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Loudoun Water on September 11, 2009. DEQ staff met with a representative of Loudoun Water on September 18, 2009 to discuss the violations. At this meeting, Loudoun Water advised that the freeboard in the system storage pond had reached a level that necessitated spraying the water and it had verbal permission from DEQ based on phone conversations with DEQ staff to operate the reclamation system despite the lack of CTO. DEQ has denied this assertion. The decision to pump the water directly to the non-system storage pond itself rather than the wet well was a financial decision as pumping to the wet well would have required a longer temporary line and therefore a larger investment of funds. The failure to resample or divert the reject water was operator oversight. Loudoun Water advised that an automatic diverter has been installed that will eliminate this situation in the future. Further, Loudoun Water had plans for installing the continuous monitor for turbidity and chlorine. With regards to the signage, Loudoun Water advised that it does not operate the golf course and Loudoun Water had advised the golf course to post the signs, but it never did. Loudoun Water has since made sure the signs were posted. Finally, the piping observed by DEQ was a temporary system and the permanent system now in place does comply with 9 VAC 25-740-110.B.8. Loudoun Water sent a written response to the NOV on Sept 18, 2009 that reiterated some of the points presented at the meeting along with verifying that the on-line monitor for continuously monitoring turbidity and chlorine had been installed and documenting that Loudoun Water had ceased providing any more reclaimed water until a CTO is issued. Loudoun Water submitted a CTO request on December 7, 2009 and DEQ issued the CTO on February 2, 2010. The other remaining issues, including signage and piping requirements, failing to divert reject water, and failing to have a continuous monitor installed, have been resolved so no further compliance items are necessary for the Order. Therefore, the Order only requires the submittal of a penalty. Civil Charge: \$14,215.

**B&J Enterprises L.C., Montgomery Co. - Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges**: Operation of the Blacksburg Country Club Plant, owned and operated by B&J Enterprises, L.C. ("B&J"), is permitted under VPDES permit VA0027481. The Permit was re-issued in September 2008 and will expire in September 2013. The permit allows B&J to discharge treated sewage and other municipal wastes from the Plant, to the North Fork of the Roanoke River, in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. In submitting its DMRs as required by the permit, B&J has indicated that it exceeded discharge limitations contained in Part I.A.1 of the Permit, for Biochemical Oxygen Demand ("BOD"), Total Suspended Solids ("TSS"), E. coli, total residual chlorine, and pH. In addition, Department staff have noted B&J's failure to submit the 1st year Progress Report for compliance with Ammonia effluent limitations and a timely and complete application for reissuance of the Permit, as required by Part I.A.2 of the Permit. B&J failed to report accurate values for the discharge limitations contained in Part I.A.1 of the Permit for E. coli and submit a plan of action to ensure compliance with the terms of the Permit once influent flows to the Plant exceeded 95% of the monthly average design capacity. B& J notified the Department that it discharged untreated wastewater from the Plant on February 19, 2008, April 28, 2008, June 18, 2009, November 11, 2009, December 9, 2009, December 13, 2009, and March 11, 2010. Per Department policy, Warning Letters ("WL") and Notices of Violations ("NOV") were issued to B&J for the above reference violations. B&J responded, as required by the WLs and NOVs and has worked proactively with the Department to find an appropriate resolution of the compliance issues at the Plant. The Order before the Board will supersede a 2007 Order between B&J and the SWCB and includes a civil penalty of \$11,583 for the violations listed above. The injunctive relief requires B&J to develop a plan of action to complete the last capital project from the 2007 Order (raise Pump Station #1 above the flood plain). B&J will be required to confirm the flow meter calibration at the Plant and develop a plan of action to achieve compliance with the E. coli effluent limit. Compliance with the E. coli limit must be achieved no later than June 20, 2011. The Order contains an interim E. coli effluent limit. B&J will also be required to provide additional training to its employed or contracted wastewater works operator and a regular attendance by its employed or contracted wastewater works operator is proscribed to ensure consistent compliance with remaining effluent limits and conditions. Civil charge: \$11,583.

Town of Clifton Forge, Alleghany Co. - Consent Special Order Amendment - Issuance: The Town of Clifton Forge ("Town") owns and operates the Clifton Forge Sewage Treatment Plant and the associated wastewater collection and conveyance system. The Board issued a Consent Order to the Town on June 5, 2006 ("2006 Order") for multiple wastewater overflows from the collection system (just prior to the issuance of the Order the Town completed a major upgrade of the treatment and equalization capacities of the Plant to eliminate overflows at that location). Among other items, the Order required the Town to submit and comply with a Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") for eliminating overflows caused by excessive infiltration and inflow ("I&I") by December 31, 2010. Because the Town needs to develop further data to characterize flows in the collection system to document compliance with the requirement to eliminate excessive I&I, the Town has requested an extension of the December 31, 2010 deadline for completing the CAP. The Town is currently in compliance with all requirements of the 2006 Order. The Amendment before the Board extends the deadline for completing the CAP until December 31, 2013. The Amendment also includes new requirements to: 1) submit a comprehensive report of water consumption, system flow, groundwater, and rainfall data; 2) submit a comprehensive report of the results of the collection system tributary inspections performed between July 1, 2010 and November 30, 2011; 3) submit a revised Compliance Verification Plan; 4) submit a schedule of any additional cost effective I&I work identified as a result of the data collection and inspections referenced in (1) and (2) above by June 30, 2012; 5) by December 31, 2013, submit a report documenting compliance with the deadline for elimination of excessive I&I based on data collected through November 30, 2013.

**Dare to Care Charities, Inc., Botetourt Co. - Consent Special Order Amendment – Issuance**: Dare to Care Charities, Inc. ("DTCC") owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant ("Plant") that serves a residential outdoor camp for persons with disabilities. Operation of the Plant is authorized by VPDES Permit No. VA0060909 ("Permit"). The State Water Control Board issued a Consent Order ("Order") to

DTCC on March 19, 2010 primarily for multiple violations of effluent limits specified in the Permit. The Order required DTCC to install and operate an in-ground wastewater treatment system to replace the existing Plant not later than December 31, 2010 and submit a Treatment Works Closure Plan for the Plant within 30 days of the effective date of the Order. Additional requirements of the Order included: payment of a civil charge of \$7,000.00; submittal of correct and complete DMRs for the months of August, September, and October; and submittal of a revised and corrected Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Plant. In part due to weather-related delays in obtaining a detailed soils evaluation, DTCC has requested an extension of the deadlines of the Order for completing construction and operation of the in-ground wastewater treatment system and decommissioning of the Plant. Through a consultant, DTCC has submitted a proposed revised schedule to meet the requirements of the Order for installation of an inground system and closure of the existing Plant. The proposed Amendment revises the deadlines for: 1) installation of the in-ground system (now due December 1, 2011), Closure Plan submittal (now due 30 days after the effective date of this Order), and decommissioning of the Plant (now due December 31, 2011).

Town of Kenbridge STP, Lunenburg Co. - Consent Special Order with Civil Charge - Issuance: In October and November 2009 the Town of Kenbridge experienced unpermitted discharges from the Town's sanitary sewer collection system which reached waters of the state. The discharges were caused by a defect in a sewer line in the vicinity of the Town's Chappell Street pump station. The sewer line defect repair was reportedly delayed until the spring of 2010 due to wet weather. On March 29, 2010 the Department was notified that a sewage overflow was occurring at a manhole in the vicinity of the Chappell Street pump station. On March 29–30, 2010 the Chappell Street pump station experienced a complete failure, resulting in an unpermitted discharge of sewage to waters of the state. The Town brought in a septage hauler to pump out the pump station wet well until a portable pump could be brought in and set up. The Town has also experienced intermittent iron effluent limit violations, operation and maintenance deficiencies, as well as monitoring and notification violations. Town officials met with the Department on April 20, 2010, to discuss the sanitary sewer overflows, infrastructure repairs, and iron Permit effluent limit violations. The Town Manager informed the Department that a portion of the high iron concentrations in the STP effluent may be coming from the deteriorating iron pipe comprising the collection system. The Town proposes to slip line the deteriorating pipe and address its sanitary sewer maintenance deficiencies as part of an infiltration and inflow (I&I) corrective action plan which is to be submitted and implemented under the provisions of the proposed order. Civil charge: \$39,000. The proposed action contains a Supplemental Environmental Project in the form of developing and instituting a Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance Program for the sanitary sewer collection system.

Town of Culpeper Wastewater Treatment Plant, Culpeper Co. - Consent Special Order with Civil Charges - Issuance: The Town of Culpeper Wastewater Treatment Plant (the Plant) is owned and operated by the Town of Culpeper (Town). The Plant is located in Culpeper, Virginia, and is authorized to discharge to Mountain Run, which is located in the Rappahannock River Basin, pursuant to VPDES Permit No. VA0061590 (Permit). This enforcement action resolves Permit effluent violations and Operation and Maintenance violations at the Plant. In submitting monthly DMRs as required by the Permit, the Town indicated to DEO that it exceeded discharge limitations contained in the Permit, for the weekly concentration average maximum limit for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, the monthly concentration average limit for Ammonia as Nitrogen, and the weekly concentration average maximum limit for Ammonia as Nitrogen for the month of January 2009. The Town reported to DEQ that the exceedances occurred because the effluent water temperature dropped below 10 degrees centigrade on or about January 15<sup>th</sup>, and didn't rise above 10 degrees centigrade until after February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Town also stated that the biological removal of nitrogen was adversely affected. In addition, the Town indicated that it violated the weekly concentration average maximum limit for Ammonia in February 2009, and the instantaneous technical minimum limit for chlorine in March 2009. The Town attributes these violations to seasonal variations of temperature. The Town noted in the August 2009 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR), that it missed TKN samples from August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> when the Plant's digester unit broke. DEO also conducted an inspection of the Plant on June 11, 2009, and found several areas of concern that DEQ had noted on previous inspections conducted on December 14, 2006, and December 4, 2007. These items included repeated issues with influent pumps being out of service, rips and degradation to the liner of cell number 1 of the equalization lagoon, and outstanding repairs to the primary clarifiers. In addition to the aforementioned violations, the Town also experienced three unauthorized discharges. The Town reported to DEQ that a severe storm occurred on June 26, 2009, and caused loss of primary power at the pump station and secondary generator power at the pump station when the generator was struck by lightening. The Town reported that due to this power outage, an overflow of approximately 84,000 gallons of sewage discharged to Mountain Run from the sanitary sewer collection system outside of the Plant property. The Town also reported to DEQ that on August 4, 2009, the Town discovered the force main from a pump station was leaking resulting in an estimated release of 4,452 gallons of sewage. The Town reported to DEQ that the leak was patched immediately, and that very little of the discharge reached Mountain Run. Additionally, the Town reported to DEQ that on August 29, 2009, the Town discovered sewage seeping out of the clean-out pipe and manhole of the wet well at a pump station. The Town informed DEO that the lead pipe failed when vibration caused a wiring short to the pump. Plant staff estimated that approximately 5,000 gallons of sewage were released. The Town reported that any flow that was not absorbed into the soil around the pump station went into a storm water management pond behind the Plant. The Consent Order requires that the Town repair or replace the liner of cell 1 of the equalization lagoon no later than July 15, 2011. All other outstanding issues identified above have been adequately addressed by the Town. The Town of Culpeper plans to spend approximately \$229, 600.00 for the design and construction of the lagoon repairs. In addition The Town has spent approximately \$1,000.00 in repairs for the force main, and approximately \$1,000.00 in repairs to the pump station. Civil charge: \$13,550.

Greensville County Water and Sewer Authority Town of Jarratt Wastewater Treatment Plant -Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges: Greensville County Water and Sewer Authority ("GCWSA") owns and operates the Town of Jarratt Wastewater Treatment Facility in Jarratt, Virginia, which treats and discharges sewage and other municipal wastes for the residents and businesses of Jarrett. The Facility is subject to VPDES Permit VA0020761. GCWSA submitted Discharge Monitoring Reports ("DMRs") for the November 2007 through January 2010 monitoring periods which indicated that it exceeded Permit effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand ("BOD"), total suspended solids ("TSS"), dissolved oxygen, and total zinc. In addition, GCWSA reported flow exceeding design capacity for the months of November 2007 through April 2008. On June 24, 2008, the Department issued a Notice of Violation to GCWSA for the permit effluent limits violations. On July 15, 2010, DEQ staff met with representatives of GCWSA to discuss the violations. GCWSA staff stated that it had plans under development to eliminate the Facility in two years and divert the wastewater to the Three Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. Later, GCWSA decided to keep the Jarratt Facility open to preserve capacity at the Three Creek Regional plant for future growth. GCWSA hired a consultant who developed a plan to install a new air diffuser to increase effluent quality and a valve that would allow influent wastewater flow diversion from the Jarratt Facility to the Three Creek Facility if needed. A requirement to submit a corrective action is included in Appendix A of the Order and must be completed by December 1, 2012, which will allow time for design, permitting, contractor bidding and construction. According to the County's consultant, the cost of the injunctive relief is estimated at \$400,000 for the requirements listed in Appendix A. Civil charge: \$8,700.

Henrico County - Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges: Henrico County owns and operates the Henrico County Water Reclamation Facility in Varina, Virginia, which treats and discharges sewage and other municipal wastes for the residents and businesses of the County. The facility is subject to VPDES Permit VA0063690. From June 20, 2009 through December 3, 2009, Henrico reported 26 sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) from various points on its wastewater collection system. On December 18, 2009, DEQ issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) for SSOs reported through December 3, 2009. On January 14, 2010, the Department met with Henrico to discuss the NOV and the related unauthorized discharges. Henrico

submitted a plan consisting of a list of inflow and infiltration ("I&I") projects designed to eliminate the number of unauthorized discharges which occur from the Facility collection system. The plan and schedule are incorporated in Appendix A of the Order. A review of DEQ files indicates that from December 3, 2009 through June 11, 2010, 50 additional unauthorized discharges occurred. A Department review of DMRs and overflow reports submitted by the County indicate exceedances of the Permit effluent limits for ammonia, total suspended solids (TSS) and carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD) during February 2010. Henrico stated that these violations occurred because the Facility had lost nitrification capability on February 3, 2010 due to influent flow that was higher than the Facility could handle. In addition, Henrico stated that the total available aerobic volume was not in service because past process control operations during high flow indicated that the secondary clarifier would be adequate in sustaining the biomass. The County will be required to develop formal written standard operating procedures (SOPs) specifically outlining the most optimal plant configuration and process modes for given sets of flow, temperature, and influent loading conditions. The cost of the injunctive relief is \$85,639,091 for the SSO projects listed in Appendix B. Civil charge: \$29,500.

City of Richmond - Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges: The City of Richmond (City) owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant which treats and discharges sewage, stormwater runoff, and other municipal wastes for the residents and businesses of the City. The plant is subject to VPDES Permit VA0063177. A Department review of DMRs and overflow reports submitted by the City indicate exceedances of the Permit effluent limits for minimum pH in April, May, June, November of 2009 and February 2010, minimum chlorine (parameter 213) in September through December 2009 and January, February, March, and August 2010, maximum chlorine (parameter 005) in July 2009, and total suspended solids in May and June of 2010. In addition, Richmond reported seventeen unauthorized discharges in the form of dry weather sanitary sewer overflows ("SSOs") from the sewer collection system. The Department issued NOVs to the City on November 20, 2009, and February 11, 2010 for the Permit effluent violations and unauthorized discharges reported through December 2009. On December 21, 2009, the Department met with the City to discuss the discharges and effluent violations. Richmond stated that naturally occurring pH sag from the nitrification process, combined with pH effects from chlorine and sulfur dioxide addition for disinfection, resulted in pH control issues. At the time, Richmond did not have pH adjustment capabilities; however, on May 29, 2009, Richmond installed magnesium hydroxide feed equipment to adjust pH. After several months of fine tuning the feed equipment, the magnesium hydroxide addition has resolved the pH issue. Richmond plans to eliminate the use of pressurized chlorine gas due to the operation and maintenance costs, and will switch to ultraviolet disinfection, which is to be completed in 2012. This will result in the elimination of future chlorine violations. With respect to the dry-weather SSOs, Richmond has 1,322 miles of sanitary and combined laterals and sewers in the City and it operates an Operations and Maintenance program (>\$3 million) and a capital improvement program (>\$10 million) for the sanitary and combined sewer system. In 2008, Richmond open-cut replaced 6,742 linear feet ("LF") of sewer, rehabilitated utilizing cured-in-place pipe 45,981 LF, TV inspected 243,313 LF and cleaned 237,213 LF. In 2009, Richmond open-cut replaced 8,205 LF of sewer, rehabilitated utilizing cured-in-place pipe 26,671 LF, TV inspected 147,614 LF and cleaned 204,924 LF. Since the City has a robust program addressing combined sewer overflows ("CSOs") and SSOs, an Order appendix requirement for the overflows is not required. The cost of the injunctive relief is \$6,000,000 to replace pressurized chlorine gas with UV disinfection. The annual sanitary and combined sewer system operation and maintenance costs are approximately \$13,000,000. Civil charge: \$14,000 with a SEP. The SEP proposed by the City of Richmond is to plan and complete three stream cleanups by November 31, 2011 for the Reedy Creek watershed on the south side of the James River and the Cannon's Branch watershed on the north side of the James River. The goal of the cleanups will be to improve water quality in the James River. The SEP is an environmental restoration and protection project used to restore or protect natural environments and ecosystems.

**Branscome, Inc., Accomack County - Consent Special Order with a civil charge**: Branscome, Inc. ("Branscome") operates a Facility in Oak Hall, Accomack County, Virginia, at which it manufactures

ready-mix concrete. The Facility is subject to the Permit through Registration No. VAG110265, which was effective October 1, 2008, and expires on September 30, 2013. The Permit authorizes Branscome to discharge process waste water commingled with non-contact cooling water and storm water associated with industrial activity through Outfall 001. On March 2, 2010, DEQ compliance staff conducted an inspection of the Facility that revealed the following deficiencies of Permit requirements: not properly maintaining freeboard inspection logs for the settling and holding ponds; not reporting to DEQ when required freeboard levels in the holding pond were not being maintained; failure to sweep the Facility entrance weekly; failure to perform a quarterly visual examination of storm water quality; intermittently discharging storm water that had accumulated in a rail-siding loading pit to a location (a perimeter ditch) not identified as an outfall in the Permit; and failing to report those unauthorized discharges to DEQ within 24 hours of their occurrence. On May 24, 2010, DEQ issued a Notice of Violation ("NOV") advising Branscome of the deficiencies revealed during the Facility inspection conducted on March 2, 2010. Branscome responded to the NOV in writing on August 17, 2010. Additionally, Branscome met with DEO enforcement staff on June 4, 2010, at DEO, and on August 31, 2010, at the Facility. Branscome acknowledged each of the violations and represented that storm water from the loading pit was now being pumped into the holding pond; that, in order to resolve the freeboard issue, the holding pond had been doubled in size; that Outfall 001 would be relocated to accommodate the expansion of the holding pond; and that the Facility storm water pollution prevention plan ("SWP3") had been updated to require weekly sweeping. The Order requires Branscome to pay a civil charge within 30 days of the effective date of the Order. To ensure compliance with the Permit, the Order also requires Branscome to submit documentation of routine inspections and visual examinations of storm water quality for one year; to submit a corrective action plan and schedule for construction of a permanent containment structure around the expanded holding pond (including a permanent, discrete location for Outfall 001) and for the proper management of storm water that accumulates in the rail-siding loading pit; a description of the housekeeping measures that will be implemented to minimize the amount of concrete fines and other sediment that collect at the Facility entrance; and a revised SWP3 that incorporates the corrective action. Civil charge: \$5,670.

Carrollton Used Auto Parts, Inc., Isle of Wight Co. - Consent Special Order with a civil charge: Carrollton Used Auto Parts, Inc. (t/a Joe's Auto Parts) ("Joe's") owns and operates an automobile salvage yard ("Facility") in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, at which used motor vehicles are dismantled for the purpose of selling and recycling used automobile parts and/or scrap metal. Storm water discharges from the Facility are subject to the Permit through Registration No. VAR050280, which was effective July 1, 2009, and expires June 30, 2014. The Permit authorizes Joe's to discharge to surface waters storm water associated with industrial activity under conditions outlined in the Permit. As part of the Permit, Joe's is required to provide and comply with a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWP3") for the Facility. On February 4, 2010, DEQ compliance staff conducted an inspection of the Facility that revealed the following: failures to perform benchmark monitoring of storm water discharges for one monitoring period, one quarterly visual examination of storm water quality for one quarter, one quarterly Facility inspection for one quarter, and one annual comprehensive site compliance evaluation ("CSCE"); failure to conduct employee training in storm water pollution prevention; and failure to comply with SWP3 requirements by not accurately identifying in the SWP3 and the accompanying site map the locations of all discharge points and potential pollutant sources and by not having a SWP3 that was signed by an appropriate Facility representative. On April 5, 2010, DEQ issued a Notice of Violation ("NOV") advising Joe's of the deficiencies revealed during the Facility inspection conducted on February 4, 2010. A representative of Joe's responded to the report of the February 4, 2010, compliance inspection by electronic mail on April 5, 2010, to the effect that a facility SWP3 had been developed and implemented; a facility inspection and a visual examination of storm water quality were conducted on March 15, 2010: and training in storm water pollution prevention had been conducted. The Consent Special Order ("Order") requires Joe's to pay a civil charge within 30 days of the effective date of the Order. To ensure continued compliance with the Permit and the SWP3 the Order requires Joe's to submit by January 10, 2011, an updated SWP3 that includes all elements required by the Permit; to submit documentation of

routine inspections and visual examinations of storm water quality for four calendar quarters, with the first submittal also due by January 10, 2011; and to perform additional benchmark monitoring of storm water discharges at both permitted storm water outfalls during each of calendar years 2010 and 2011. Civil charge: \$4,660.

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Sewer Authority ("HRRSA") - North River WWTP - Consent Special Order with civil charge: HRRSA owns and operates the North River WWTP facility serving the City of Harrisonburg; the towns of Bridgewater, Dayton and Mount Crawford; and surrounding areas in Rockingham County. The Permit allows HRRSA to discharge treated sewage and other municipal wastes from the North River WWTP to the North River in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit. The design capacity of the facility has been rated and approved as 16.0 MGD. HRRSA is presently upgrading and expanding the sewage treatment plant to meet nutrient limits with a design capacity of 22.0 MGD. That work is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2010. On January 13, 2010, HRRSA reported unauthorized discharges at two locations that were part of one event. This report was received in a timely manner. One of the unauthorized discharges occurred at a manhole adjacent to Cooks Creek, approximately 250 feet upstream of its confluence with the North River. The Authority estimated the size of the discharge to be 650,000 gallons. The second discharge occurred at a junction box at the North River WWTP. The discharge entered the North River. The unauthorized discharges occurred while HRRSA was attempting to tie-in a new grit chamber at the WWTP. The Authority estimated the size of this discharge to be 18,000 gallons. On January 14, 2010, DEO staff conducted a site inspection and observed evidence of the unauthorized discharge from the grit chamber which entered the North River. On February 16, 2010, DEQ issued a Warning Letter to HRRSA for CBOD<sub>5</sub> loading and concentration maximum permit effluent limit violations in December 2009. The Warning Letter also cited unauthorized discharges on December 9, 2009 and December 29, 2009. HRRSA attributed these unauthorized discharges to the region's extraordinary wet winter weather, in which over 31 inches of precipitation (rainfall/snow) was recorded in December 2009. On March 10, 2010, DEQ issued a Notice of Violation to HRRSA for the unauthorized January discharges. The NOV also cited CBOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS loading permit effluent limit violations that occurred in January 2010. In addition, there was a D.O. concentration minimum permit effluent limit violation in August 2009, a chlorine instantaneous technical minimum concentration permit effluent limit violation in January 2010, and two unauthorized discharges in March 2010 (March 13 and March 16, 2010) that were not included in any enforcement documents. On March 24, 2010, Department staff met with representatives of HRRSA to discuss the NOV's violations, the problems that led to the violations and corrective actions needed to address the problems. By letters dated January 26, 2010, March 9, 2010 and April 22, 2010, HRRSA submitted to DEQ information about the unauthorized discharges. HRRSA attributed the January 13, 2010 unauthorized discharges to a design error in the construction plans for the new grit chambers. The design error resulted in the new grit chambers being constructed with a higher water surface elevation than the existing grit chambers, so that wastewater overflowed the existing, interconnected open channel system when the new grit chambers were placed into service. HRRSA has taken action to address the design error through the construction of a new telescoping valve and additional piping to work around the elevation differences which led to the overflows. The completion of the Facility upgrade and expansion is expected to address the reasons for the effluent limit violations and the March unauthorized discharge violations. The proposed Order, signed by the Authority on August 11, 2010, is a civil charge only Order. COSTS: \$124,800 for corrective actions. Civil charge: \$10,500.

Bandy, LLC, Floyd Co. - Consent Special Order with civil charge: On April 16, 2008, the DEQ conducted a Virginia Water Protection (VWP) inspection of the Site. During the inspection, DEQ staff observed that state waters, in the form of wetlands, had been excavated resulting in the creation of three separate and distinct linear features and the excavated material was discharged adjacent to the linear features into the same state waters (wetlands). Wetland/stream data was collected by DEQ Staff and a Bog Turtle corpse was discovered at the Site, though cause of death was indeterminate. The species identity was confirmed by the Wildlife Diversity Project Manager in the Wildlife Diversity Division of

the VDGIF. Feature #1 on the western side of Jack's Mill Road, measuring 435 liner feet (0.04 acres), is a stream that may have been channelized decades before the April 16, 2008 DEQ inspection and has historically been maintained for the purpose of drainage or irrigation. Though this channelized stream normally would be considered jurisdictional state waters subject to regulation, it has reached a naturalized state in the channelized form. When the specific facts and history involved with this re-channelized stream are combined with the fact that the activity did not result in any modifications that changed the character, scope, or size of the original design, a permit exclusion for maintenance activity was determined to apply. The 0.04 acres of excavated material that was discharged to 0.11 acres of the adjacent wetland, as a result of side casting in piles from 8 to 14 feet wide and from 1 to 3 feet high, is not included in any permit exclusion and was an unauthorized discharge. Feature #2 on the eastern side of the Little River, measuring 413 linear feet (0.05 acres), is a ditch that may have been excavated decades before the April 16, 2008 DEQ inspection and the has historically been maintained for the purpose of drainage or irrigation. Since the excavation did not result in any modifications that change the character, scope, or size of the original design, a permit exclusion for maintenance activity was determined to apply. The 0.05 acres of excavated material that was discharged to 0.05 acres of the adjacent wetland, as a result of side casting in piles 4 to 6 feet wide and from 1 to 4 feet high, is not included in any permit exclusion and was an unauthorized discharge. Feature #3, measuring 25 linear feet, 1 to 3 feet wide, and 1 to 2 feet deep with 10 feet excavated through a wetland and 15 feet excavated through an upland natural river berm along the little river, is a ditch with an indeterminate time of origin. Prior to the excavation, the wetland may have had no direct surficial connection with, but was adjacent to, the Little River. Though this ditch may result in drainage associated with the immediate or the gradual conversion of a wetland to a nonwetland, there is no evidence that conversion is taking place at this time. The discharge of 0.002 acres of excavated material to a nonwetland area is excluded from the VWP requirements. Pay a civil charge of \$9,750 within 30 days of the effective date of the Order in settlement of the violations cited in this Order; and purchase 0.16 compensation credits at a 1:1 ratio from an approved wetlands mitigation bank or make an equivalent payment of \$9,600 to the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund for the functional loss at the Site and provide proof of purchase to DEQ within 30 days of the effective date of this order.

Glenhaven South Subdivision / Winchester Homes, Inc., Spotsylvania Co. - Consent Special Order with civil charge- Issuance: Winchester Homes Inc. (Winchester Homes) owns a 152 acre subdivision called Glenhaven South, located in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. DEQ issued VWP General Permit Authorization No. WP4-05-1068 (Permit) on July 21, 2005, which expired on July 20, 2010 to Spotswood LLC. The permit was transferred to Winchester Homes from Spotswood LLC on August 30, 2006. The Permit authorized the impact to 0.048 acre of surface waters, consisting of 0.017 acre palustrine forested wetlands (PFO), 0.029 acre (255 linear feet) perennial stream channel, and 0.002 acre (40 linear feet) of intermittent stream channel associated with construction of the Glenhaven South subdivision. The total authorized impacts taken during construction were less than 0.10 acres of wetlands and less than 300 LF of stream so the Permit required reporting-only and did not require compensation. On July 17, 2009, DEQ staff reviewed the project file and conducted a site visit to determine compliance with the conditions and requirements of the Permit, State Water Control Law, and the Regulations. During the site visit, DEQ staff observed unauthorized discharges of fill material to approximately 390 linear feet of stream arising from lot grading and driveway crossings. As a result of the violations observed during the July 17, 2009 inspection, DEQ issued Notice of Violation (NOV) Number 2009-08-NRO-006 to Winchester Homes on September 1, 2009. On September 10, 2009, Winchester Homes sent a NOV response letter explaining that the unauthorized impacts were a result of an error in the aerial-supplied topography and the subsequent excessive amount of cutting during the rough grading operations by the site work contractor. This error caused the adjustment of the construction plans and the disposal of excess material, resulting in the taking of additional stream impacts. On October 10, 2009, Winchester Homes sent a follow-up letter with a proposed compensation plan for the unauthorized impacts. On November 9, 2009, DEQ provided comments to Winchester Homes on the proposed compensation plan. DEQ noted that the proposed mitigation/compensation plan would not be sufficient to compensate for the additional impacts

taken. Also, DEO noted that the previously authorized impacts and the unauthorized impacts of 390 LF cumulatively exceed the reporting-only threshold of 300 LF. Therefore, all the impacts associated with the project require compensation. After multiple drafts of the mitigation/compensation plan, DEQ approved the Final Mitigation Plan on July 8, 2010, including draft deed restrictions and plats for the onsite and off-site preservation areas to compensate for all impacts to state waters as a result of the project. The stream channels proposed for preservation are located within the downstream system and provide similar functions and ecological characteristics as the impacted stream channels. Due to the location of the preserved stream system, the additional buffer protects the aquatic system against present and future adverse effects and provides habitat for various state species. The Unified Stream Methodology (USM) shows that for these impacts the required preservation should be 937 and 7:1 ratio; the final compensation/preservation plan will provide 999 compensation credits, at a ratio of 12:1. Pursuant to Guidance Memo No. 08-2009, "Use of Preservation for Compensatory Mitigation in VWP Permits", Stream preservation as a sole source of mitigation can be used for exemplary systems under documentable threat of loss or degradation and when preservation of an exemplary system offsets impacted functions. The preservation area qualifies as an exemplary stream by meeting the criteria of the GM 08-2009 and the compensation provides sufficient no-net-loss of function of the permanent impacts. The Consent Order requires Winchester Homes to purchase 0.03 acres of wetland (PFO) credits from Blackjack Wetland Mitigation Bank and provide proof of recordation of the on-site and off-site preservation areas as set forth in the Final Mitigation Plan. The cost associated with returning to compliance, including Appendix A of the Order, is estimated at \$200,000. Civil charge: \$20,100.

Getty Petroleum Marketing, Inc., Richmond - Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges: Getty Petroleum Marketing, Inc. ("Getty") owns three 10,000 gallon USTs that are located at 7000 Three Chopt Road in Richmond, Virginia (Facility ID# 4-002293). On June 12, 2009, DEQ staff conducted an UST inspection at the property and found numerous deficiencies. All the deficiencies were corrected informally except for those surrounding the failure to report Statistical Inventory Reconciliation ("SIR") failures that occurred during the months of May 2008 through May 2009. A Notice of Violation was issued on July 31, 2009 for failure to report a suspected release. The suspected release was assigned Pollution Complaint # 2009-4538, and was closed following successful tank and line tightness testing and an analysis by DEQ staff indicating that there is low-level soil and groundwater contamination with no risk to receptors. The owner's consultant addressed the release detection issues; however there have been additional inconclusive release detection results using the SIR method of release detection. Getty reported all of the inconclusive results to DEQ and performed more testing, which showed passing results. Nevertheless, because SIR testing has proven to be an ineffective method at this facility and is no longer a viable option for release detection, Getty has agreed to provide a plan and schedule for the installation of an acceptable alternative method to the current SIR release detection being performed at the facility. Getty agreed to the Consent Special Order with the Department to address the above described violations by agreeing to provide a plan and schedule for the installation of an acceptable alternative method to the current SIR release detection by December 27, 2010. The injunctive relief, including installation of the new release detection method, has already been completed. DEQ staff estimate the cost of injunctive relief to be approximately \$8,000 to 10,000. Civil charge: \$2,600.

Henrico County 911 Training Center, Henrico Co. - Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges: The County of Henrico (County) has a 911 Training Center. The Training Center is located at 7701 East Parham Road, Henrico, Virginia. The County is an operator of a 250 gallon aboveground storage tank located at the Training Center. The aboveground storage tank contains diesel fuel which is used for heating purposes and to run the emergency generator for the Training Center. The aboveground storage tank is exempt from certain aboveground storage tank requirements pursuant to 9 VAC 25-91-30. On February 2, 2010, DEQ received notification of a diesel fuel spill in Rocky Branch, which is located near the Henrico County government complex. The County immediately responded to the report and had a contractor mobilize to the site to begin removal and cleanup operations. The discharged diesel fuel was traced back to the 911 Training Center. After further investigation, the County reported that the discharge

was caused by the overfilling of the 250 gallon "day" tank, due to a faulty switch. The Training Center has a larger underground storage tank, which periodically fills the aboveground storage tank. The diesel fuel had migrated through secondary containment back to the underground storage tank sumps, filling the sumps, then flowed subsurface under the parking lot via French drains down gradient to a storm water drop inlet which discharges to Rocky Branch. On February 4, 2010, DEQ received notification of a fish kill in Rocky Branch. DEQ conducted an investigation of the fish kill and found that the kill extended approximately 0.3 miles and counted 642 dead fish. On March 3, 2010 DEQ issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to the County for the discharge of oil to state waters and the resulting fish kill. DEO and the County met several times to discuss resolution of the violation and progress with cleanup operations. On April 23, 2010 the County reported that 5,602 gallons of diesel fuel had been discharged and that 5,477.4 gallons were recovered. On July 15, 2010, DEQ received the County's "Initial Abatement Report/Site Characterization Report" which described the cause, extent and impact of the oil discharge from the Training Center, the remediation activities. The Initial Abatement Report indicated that restoration of the impacted areas was to be completed by June 21, 2010 and the site closed by June 23, 2010. The County took steps to prevent an occurrence of a similar fuel discharge by taking the following action: (1) by temporarily installing two aboveground storage tanks to use while the tank system was being upgraded with a new alarm system, and (2) implementing a notification procedure for responding to malfunctions of the system. The County of Henrico agreed to the Consent Special Order with the Department to address the above described violations. The Order requires that the County pay a civil charge, perform a SEP, pay for the fish kill investigative costs, and fish replacement costs. Civil charge: \$84,030 with a SEP. The SEP the County proposes is to upgrade three petroleum tank systems in the County's administration complex to prevent oil discharges into State Waters.

Lucky's Convenience Stores, Inc., Richmond - Consent Special Order w/ Civil Charges: Lucky's Convenience Stores, Inc. ("Lucky's") owns Underground Storage Tanks ("USTs") containing gasoline, kerosene and diesel fuel, all of which are regulated substances, at its Facility on 607 E. Laburnum Avenue in Henrico County, Virginia. On May 28, 2008, DEQ staff conducted an inspection of the Lucky's facility and found improper registration, failure to clean spill catchment basins and maintain submersible turbine pumps, and no documents indicating compliance with flexible piping codes, release detection, or financial assurance. On May 28, 2008, the Department issued a request for corrective action for the issues observed during the May inspection. The corrective action was required to be completed by June 30, 2008. After failing to return to compliance, on November 7, 2008, the Department issued a Warning Letter. The Department mailed a Letter of Agreement (LOA) to Lucky's for signature on January 8, 2009, but the LOA was not signed or returned. On May 8, 2009, the Department issued a Notice of Violation to Lucky's for the violations observed during the May 2008 inspection. On July 13, 2009, DEQ enforcement and compliance staff met with representatives of Lucky's to discuss the violations. Lucky's will be required to submit copies of three months of release detection records; provide documentation of the condition of the flexible piping; and obtain financial assurance. Since signing the proposed Consent Order, Lucky's has corrected the registration form and submitted passing line tightness and monthly tank leak detection records. The cost of the injunctive relief is estimated at \$3,500 for the requirements listed in Appendix A. Civil charge: \$13,600.

American Marine Group, Inc., Norfolk - Consent Special Order with a civil charge: American Marine Group, Inc. ("AMG") provides marine services, including transport and towing, from a facility in Norfolk, Virginia. When not in use, the tugboats, barges and other equipment used by AMG are stored in a boatyard that is adjacent to the facility that accesses the Eastern Branch through an unnamed inlet. Other marine-service providers store vessels and equipment in the same boatyard downstream of the facility. On Monday, March 1, 2010, DEQ received notification of a discharge of diesel fuel in the waters near the facility. The notification indicated that on March 1, 2010, M/V Susan Ann, which was moored in the waters near the facility, was observed lying on its side and had discharged diesel fuel into the water of an unnamed inlet of the Eastern Branch. DEQ staff ("Staff") responded to the notification by conducting a site inspection on March 1, 2010, and observed that AMG representatives were present, and cleanup

efforts were underway. Oil-absorbent booms and pads had been deployed and the discharge contained within the inlet. It was noted that AMG had insufficient preventative and cleanup materials available to fully remediate the discharge and called in an oil-response contractor to assist. Staff observed M/V Susan Ann resting in shallow water and listing severely to starboard away from the shoreline. The vessel had been moored in water that was too shallow for its draft and had listed after its keel struck the bottom of the inlet when the tide receded, causing diesel fuel stored in the vessel to discharge through openings in the vessel's deck that had become submerged when the ship listed. Staff observed that substantially all of the diesel fuel had been recovered. It was subsequently determined that, on Friday, February 26, 2010, two AMG employees had relocated M/V Susan Ann (owned by Back River Towing, Inc.), within the confines of the boatyard and secured the tugboat American, which was chartered by AMG, outboard of M/V Susan Ann, both being tied to a barge in the inlet and both parallel to the shore. One of the AMG employees acknowledged having observed M/V Susan Ann listing to starboard on Saturday, February 27, 2010, but did not notify his supervisor. DEQ issued AMG a Notice of Violation ("NOV") on April 6, 2010, for the discharge of petroleum to State waters. An attorney representing AMG responded to the NOV on May 14, 2010, and affirmed that M/V Susan Ann had been moored between the shoreline and the AMG tugboat and had "grounded" when the tide receded causing the vessel to list to the point that water entered the vessel resulting in the list becoming more pronounced. As a consequence, one of the vessel's diesel fuel tanks spilled its contents into the water within the Facility. The letter estimated that one of the fuel tanks holds no more than 400 gallons of diesel fuel and that before the incident the tanks were less than one-third full. The response asserted that the tides in the early morning hours of March 1, 2010, were "higher and lower than usual" and that AMG had responded "diligently to contain the spill and to minimize any effect it may have had on the environment." The response noted further that the inlet on which the facility is located is narrow and restricted, thus inhibiting the ability of the discharged oil to have reached the Elizabeth River. The Consent Special Order ("Order") would require AMG to pay a civil charge in four quarterly installments with the first installment due by January 1, 2011 and to submit an oil discharge contingency plan to prevent future discharges of oil to State waters from AMG operations and to properly contain and clean up a discharge should one occur. Civil charge: \$7,361.

Final FY 2011 Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund Authorizations and Draft Stormwater Loan Program Guidelines for Public Comment: Title IV of the Clean Water Act requires the yearly submission of a Project Priority List and an Intended Use Plan in conjunction with Virginia's Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization Grant application. Section 62.1-229 of Chapter 22, Code of Virginia, authorizes the Board to establish to whom loans are made, the loan amounts, and repayment terms. The next step in this yearly process is for the Board to set the loan terms and authorize the execution of the loan agreements. During the 2010 session, the Virginia General Assembly amended Chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia by adding §62.1-229.4. The new code section further expanded the activities of the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund by allowing the State Water Control Board to authorize low interest loans from the Fund for construction of facilities or structures or implementation of best management practices that reduce or prevent pollution of state waters caused by stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. Further, the legislation authorized the Board to develop guidelines for the administration of those stormwater loans. Staff has developed draft guidelines and is recommending that the Board authorize them for public review and comment.

At its September 2010 meeting, the Board targeted 34 projects totaling \$173,183,129 in loan assistance from available and anticipated FY 2011 resources and authorized the staff to present the proposed funding list for public comment. A public meeting was convened on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Notices of the meeting were mailed to all loan applicants and advertised in six newspapers across the state. The only comment received during the comment period was from Mr. R. H. Meyers from Northampton County who provided his understanding that the impetus for the County's application was economic development. He also expressed his opinion that there is a lack of substantiated evidence of groundwater contamination from septic systems in the area. We received subsequent correspondence (after the public notice period) from the Chairman of the Northampton County Board of Supervisors, the Mayor of Cheriton, the Mayor of Cape Charles, and the Director of the Easter Shore Health District

confirming the environmental need for the Northampton County project and providing supporting documentation

The staff has conducted initial meetings with the FY 2011 targeted recipients and has finalized the associated user charge impact analyses in accordance with the Board's guidelines. No changes have been made as a result of these meetings and the 2011 funding list remains at 34 projects being recommended for final authorization at a total amount of \$173,183,129.

The loan rates/terms listed below are submitted for Board consideration. The wastewater applications were reviewed in accordance with the Board's guidelines, with a residential user charge impact analysis conducted for each project. This analysis determines the anticipated user charges as a result of the project relative to the affordable rate as a percentage of the applicant's median household income. The rates/terms for the land conservation projects are in accordance with the Board adopted guidelines, which stipulate that interest rates for short term loans (up to ten year terms) will be fixed at 300 basis points (3.0 %) below the prevailing prime rate, which is currently at 3.25%.

Once approved, this information and the approved interest rates will be forwarded to VRA for concurrence and recommendation. VRA will prepare the credit summaries and financial capability analyses on the recipients authorized for FY 2011 funding, looking at their repayment capability and individual loan security requirements. The program sets its VCWRLF ceiling rate on wastewater loans at 1% below the current municipal bond market rate. Since the program with have to leverage this year and sell bonds to fund these projects, we are recommending that the ceiling rate for the FY 2011 wastewater projects not be set until those bonds are sold in the spring of 2011. The ceiling rate will then be established at 1% below the all-in true interest rate on those bonds.

Since the Board's September meeting, Congress has still not finalized the federal SRF appropriation for FY 2011. As such, we are unsure as to whether the appropriation bill will include requirements similar to those newly established in FY2010 regarding green reserve project funding and principal forgiveness. Staff believes that the energy and land conservation projects already included on this list will satisfy any green project reserve requirement that might be included, and at the same time are worthwhile projects to go forward that meet our program criteria. The staff has also analyzed the projects with regard to the program's hardship criteria and will be prepared to work with the Director on providing principal forgiveness to some projects as allowed by previous delegations if it is included in the federal appropriation language.

**FY 2011 Proposed Interest Rates and Loan Authorizations** 

	Locality	Loan Amount	Rates & Loan Terms
1	Rivanna Water & Sewer Auth.	5,200,000	C, 20 years
2	City of Lynchburg	10,100,000	0%, 30 years
3	Upper Occoquan Service Auth.	20,624,210	C, 20 years
4	Alexandria Sanitation Authority	4,900,000	C, 20 years
5	City of Covington	5,733,300	0%, 20 years
6	City of Norfolk	9,300,000	0%, 20 years
7	Craig-New Castle PSA	365,200	0%, 20 years
8	Rivanna Water & Sewer Auth.	4,048,000	C, 20 years
9	Rivanna Water & Sewer Auth.	6,900,000	C, 20 years
10	City of Charlottesville	3,647,680	C, 20 years
11	Western VA Water Authority	12,602,500	C, 20 years
12	Western VA Water Authority	1,500,000	C, 20 years
13	Western VA Water Authority	4,375,000	C, 20 years
14	Western VA Water Authority	6,872,000	C, 20 years
15	Town of Crewe	6,794,399	0%, 20 years
16	Northampton County	10,920,746	0%, 20 years
17	Augusta County	2,562,400	0%, 20 years

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18	Wythe County	1,742,000	0%, 20 years
19	City of Lynchburg	9,000,000	0%, 20 years
20	Washington County Service Auth.	1,604,126	1%, 20 years
21	Washington County Service Auth.	1,793,607	1%, 20 years
22	Washington County Service Auth.	1,024,613	1%, 20 years
23	Scott County PSA	590,361	0%, 20 years
24	Town of Pulaski	1,284,290	0%, 20 years
25	Coeburn Norton Wise RWTA	11,225,575	0%, 20 years
26	Town of Abingdon	2,124,000	0%, 20 years
27	City of Danville	2,000,000	C, 20 years
28	Shenandoah County	2,095,642	C, 20 years
29	Upper Occoquan Service Auth.	1,876,150	C, 20 years
30	HRSD	4,518,000	C, 20 years
31	Upper Occoquan Service Auth.	2,499,330	C, 20 years
32	Botetourt County	2,700,000	C, 20 years
33	Trust for Public Land	8,000,000	0.25%, 10 years
34	The Nature Conservancy	2,660,000	0.25%, 10 years
	Total Request	173,183,129	C= Ceiling Rate

Draft Guidelines for Stormwater Loan Program: The staff has developed draft guidelines for a new Stormwater Loan Program (attached) in accordance with the legislation passed by the 2010 Virginia General Assembly. The draft guidelines carry forward many of the same principals from the existing wastewater program including the application procedures/timeframe, eligibility, prioritization, and interest rate criteria, while addressing the specific priorities included in the state legislation and the recent federal requirements for green reserve projects and principal forgiveness. Additional incentives are provided for localities that adopt stormwater control programs that include dedicated revenue sources to help manage their programs. The staff has consulted with the Department of Conservation and Recreation during the development process. We anticipate that stormwater projects will become an important part of our program in order to meet the upcoming challenges of TMDL implementation throughout the Commonwealth. At this time we are seeking Board authorization to present the draft guidelines for public review/comment with anticipation of returning to the Board in March for final adoption.

#### Staff Recommendations:

- (1) Authorize the execution of loan agreements for the projects, loan amounts, interest rates and terms listed above. Loan closing will be subject to receipt of a favorable financial capability analysis report and supporting recommendation from VRA.
- (2) Authorize the staff to present the draft Guidelines for the Stormwater Loan Program to the public for their review and comment.